## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Examiner: Unassigned Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Yoshihiro ISHIDA	)	
Appln. No.: New Application	;	
Filed: Concurrently Herewith	; )	
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM	; ; ;	July 11, 2003

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 9, 10 and 11 as follows. A marked up copy of Claims 9, 10 and 11, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

9. (Amended) A computer-system executable program which allows a computer system for executing the program to operate as the image processing apparatus according to Claim 1 or 2.